GIBBIUM PSYLLOIDES CZEMPINSKI IN KENTUCKY

A note published in this Journal (Vol. 61(2):92,1953) by Harry B. Weiss reported the collection of this species in Trenton, N.J. on carpets. Weiss calls attention to the small number of references to this beetle in the literature of American economic entomology and thinks it desirable to have additional locality records in the literature. His comments prompted the writer to publish this note.

In the insect collections of the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station are specimens of this species with definite Kentucky locality records as follows: Lexington, December 23, 1940, from feed sample, 1 specimen, James Rose- collector. Middlesborough, May, 1942, numerous specimens, Anderson Wood- collector. Mr. Wood collected a number of his specimens crawling in a bath tub and on a tile wall near the tub. They were suspected of breeding in the tub drain but this was not definitely established. Specimens were also found crawling on woolen materials in a nearby clothes closet. There was no proof of their feeding. Live specimens sent to the Experiment Station readily ate timothy seed and particles of dried insect specimens. Tompkinsville, July 29, 1946, 7 specimens, taken in a dwelling. Maysville, November 20, 1953, 3 specimens, taken in the attic of a dwelling. In these instances the beetles attracted attention by their presence and not because of damage done. — LEE H. TOWNSEND, College of Agriculture and Home Economics, University of Kentucky, Lexington.